GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3271
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
DECLINE IN GROUND WATER LEVEL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of well dug by the Central Ground Water Board inthe country especially in Maharashtra and Karnataka during each of the last three years, till-date, location-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether most of the wells have become dry due to low level of ground water; and

(d) if so, the schemes formulated by the Union Government to recharge the ground water level in the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Central Ground Water Board undertakesdrilling of only exploratory tubewells in the country for the purpose of collecting scientific data. However, the successful exploratory wells instead of being discarded, are handed over to the States at a nominal cost for their utilization for drinking, irrigation and other purposes. Under this programme, the Central Ground Water Board has drilled a total of 8484 exploratory wells in the country upto November, 2000. The State- wise details are given in Annexure-I. The Board has drilled 88 and 53 exploratory wells respectively in the State o f Maharashtra and Karnataka during 1998-99, to 2000-01 (upto December, 2000). The location of these wells is given in Annexure-II The expenditure is booked under a composite scheme and State-wise provision is not kept by the Central Ground Water Board.

(c) Out of 88 exploratory wells drilled in the State of Maharashtra, 5 wells were abandoned on technical consideration while 3 wells did not yield water. In the State of Karnataka, one well was abandoned and two wells had recorded poor yield.

(d) The Central Ground Water Board is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water". The Government have earmarked funds amounting to Rs. 25.00 crore for the scheme during the IX Five year Plan.Rain water harvesting is an integral part of this scheme. The scheme has shown encouraging and positive results. Proposals have to be sent by the State Governments and the scheme currently covers the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi.
ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3271 ANSWER ON 19.03.2001

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total wells drilled as on Nov. 2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	837
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	22
3.	Assam	214
4.	Bihar & Jharkhand	354
5.	Goa	58
6.	Gujarat	579

7	Haryana	352
8.	Himachal Pradesh	84
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	201
10.	Karnataka	857
11.	Kerala	210
12.	Madhya Pradesh	549
13.	Chhatisgarh	303
14.	Maharashtra	693
15.	Manipur	25
16.	Meghalaya	52
17.	Mizoram	3
18.	Nagaland	11
19.	Orissa	626
20.	Punjab	117
21.	Rajasthan	761
22.	Sikkim	31
23.	Tamil Nadu	579
24.	Tripura	48
25.	Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal	526
26.	West Bengal	212
Total (A)		8304

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1.	Andaman & Nicobar	46
2.	Chandigarh	7
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12
4.	NCT Delhi	85
5.	Pondicherry	30
Total (B)		180
Grand Total (A+B)		8484

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3271 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2001 REGARDING DECLINE IN GROUND WATER LEVEL

LOCATION-WISE DETAILS OF WELLS DRILLED BY CGWB IN MAHARASHTRA AND KARNATAKA DURING 1998-99 TO 2000-01 (UPTO DECEMBER-2000)

MAHARASHTRA

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	YEAR-WISE LOCATION OF WELLS		
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (DEC.2000)
1.	Pune	Bhawadi, Dehane, Kharpudi, Khadus, Yelwadi, Nayagaon,	Wadgaon Shinde, Pune University Campus, CWPRS, VSNL Dighi, Lohagaon	Bharati Vidyapith, Chikhali, Maskeyvasti, Valewadi, Dingrajwadi,

Singapur, Saswad, Sherewadi, Sonwadi, Rui Belwade	Airport, Majrifarm, Lawale, Kalwai,	Nahvisandus	
2. Akola	Shendona, Kalamba Mahali, Musalwadi, Patur, Washimba, Nimkarda, Shelad, Ural,	Pimpalgaon, Sukinandapur,	Kherda,
Bitholl, Shelubazar, Naslapen, Belkheda, Mahagaon, Medasi, Muttha, Deothana, Belura, Ambasi, Saiwani, Mirjapur, Unkheda, Langapur			
3. Nanded	Mukramabad,		
Kaotha, Mansapuri, Telegaon, Mudkhed, Degloor,	NIL	NIL	
4. Latur	Chandegaon,	Lohara,	Latur Chicholi,
Wadhona, Jalkot, Deoani Tajband, Sangavi, Dhaswadi, Bhatkheda, Kendrewadi, Kajli Hipparga, Kingaon, Gadsuli, Renapur	Road, Chapoli, Shirur Vidyalaya, Latur, Belkund, Bhada, Nalanga, Gour,	Gadwadi (PHC), J. Jawali, Ausa,	Navodaya ITI
5. Buldhana			Jawla,
NIL Lokhanda, Amsari, Divthana.	NIL	Sirasgaon,	

KARNATAKA

SL. NO.	DISTRICT	YEAR-WISE LOCATION OF WELLS 1998-99	1999- 2000	2000-2001 (DEC.2000)
1.	Dharwad	Adur, Agadi, Hosrati, Belvigi, Kengoda, Mallur, Byagdi, Hirehally, Asundi	Madleri, Kuppelu, Aldgeri, Koda, Hirenkaur, Sannagubbi, Banhati II	Mankaur, Itgi, NIL
2.	Hassan	Vadur, Karagade	NIL	NIL
3.	Chikmangl ur	Narsipur, Anthargatta,	Vokalagere, Yagalli, Herenaglur,	Tyagadekatti Dewannur,

				Thangli kalasipura, Arenur, Maladur, Chikmanglur, Nandi, Ajjampura, Taukere II, Lingadahally, Thanijebyle
4.	Shimoga	NIL	NIL	NIL
5.	Bellary	NIL	Banavikallu,	Kudligi, Mahadevapura, Chormur, Sandur
6.	Coorg	NIL	NIL	Nalkere, Nadikere, Gonikoppal, Kadanga